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ANOTHER SCANDAL

It is to be hoped that we have reached the last of the scandals in the governmental departments. The land office is the latest discovery. Here Land Commissioner Pratt discovered that there had been a system of wholesale plander going on for a number of years. What the exact amount appropriated will total no one can tell till a very thorough examination has been made. It is estimated at between \$10,000 and \$20,-000. The peculations were commenced when E, S. Boyd was clerk in the office and continued to the time when he resigned as Commissioner of Public Lands on Governor Carter's assuming office.

But not only is Boyd charged with embezzlement of public funds, but the cashier, Stephen Mahaulu, is also accused. The two seem to have played into one another's hands, though they naturally accuse one another now. It certainly is an unpleasant episode,

The amount that has been made away with by government employes during the last five or six years might have saved the administration from the necessity of cutting down some of the salaries. It must be close on to \$50,000, if it is not more, and this sum would have been amply sufficient to keep the salaries of the school teachers at their pres-

It must not be thought that misappropriation of public funds has been confined to the present period. It is only that with more strict methods these matters come to the surface. Furthermore there is no brushing up. If a man peculates and is found out, the fact is published. There are meni walking round the streets of Honolulu today whose "shortage" on accounts has been "squared" by their friends. Kamehameha V used to say he was kept poor making up the deficiencies of some of his own appointees.

But the rendency to hush up and square the account is disappearing More and more is it brought home to people that leniency in such matters only leads to more and more commission of crime. It has been much to blame. We have talked of weakness, and have molly coddled the weak till they do not realize their responsibilities and are not conscious of the crimes they commit.

NO DUST.

Dustless roads! If we could have dustless roads life would be much more worth living. We have been making experiments with crude oil In France, according to an official report from the Department of Roads and Bridges, they have solved the problem by coating the surface with

The engineer for the Seine and Marne Departments reports that, after an unsuccessful trial of a mixture of oil and petroleum, a coating of tar was in the summer of 1902 laid down on seven different lengths of road. After carefully observing these during a period of twelve months, he remarks that dust and mud had wholly disappeared and the cost of maintenance of the roads has been considerably reduced. Further comparing the previous outlay on the roads with that of those with tarred surface, he says:

"It appears that it may be assumed that the tarring method requires no greater outlay, and at the same time very considerably improves the condition of the roadway. In La Cher two lengths of the Chausee National were coated with tar in June and August of 1902. Both these experiments have been entirely successful, the road now being covered fact from the census of 1900 to show with an elastic skin, while the sound of foot-passengers' tread is muffled and horses and draft oxen require only one-half the effort they put fortif under 16 years of age. Another delebefore. The noise and vibration caused by vehicular traffic is much re- gate, visiting an ordinary school, found the inhabitants of St. Amando and neighborhood, as well as the officials of the Bridges and Roads Department, are satisfied as to the beneficial are 141 and a stay till they effect of the three-contines? effect of the tar coating."

Of course the question of expense comes in. We have been structing our roads as cheaply as possible, but the time will come when ther. "At home (in England) the povwe shall construct them on more scientific principles than we have done, erty of the parents is responsible for Indeed we have wasted a great deal of money upon our roads. We the ignorance of the children. In Amehave not made them permanent. The very first storm washes the sur- rich the poverty of the father is an have not made them permanent. The very first storm wasnes the sur-face into the sea. If some means could be adopted, such as coating with the best education the nation can give. crude oil or with tar, it would be very satisfactory, for instead of the The American nation is so impregnatroads washing away they would become permanent.

Of course the doing away with dust and mud would be a great boon, and evidently this can be accomplished according to the French engi- fore its eighteenth year. neer quoted above. Take such a district as Kula in Mani, or North Kohala in Hawaii, or Makaweli in Kauai, and what a blessing it would be to have permanent roads. We may safely say that our system of short time will render matters more road making belongs to the middle ages. We have not gone on im- comfortable for the prisoners who are proving as we have done in other things. We ought to take a brace now most inconveniently crowded. It and improve our methods.

A TRIBUTE FROM ENGLAND.

Alfred Mosely, a wealthy British merchant, organized a commission to study American educational problems, and the report has been conmented upon in these columns. Previous to that he had organized an while ago discovered that some lands industrial commission, consisting of twenty-three delegates from the various English trades, who studied the sources of American success. The results of that commission were published at the time, but in view of the publication of the report of the educational committee, it is lateresting to see how the two commissions coincided as to the source of American success. That source is the American school.

The opinion of the commission seems to be unanimous in regard to the value of the instruction given to the youthful employees in the United States compared with what is given to the same class in Great Britain and Ireland. All the delegates were impressed by the degree of general instruction received by th young people in American industrial concerns and by the facilities afforded-unknown in England-to obtain a tive. secondary or even a higher education.

'My opinion is," says the delegate of the Manchester spinners, "that the young American is better equipped than the young Englishman for the battle of life by the preliminary education which he receives. The children of American workmen stay at school till they are 14, 15, or 16 years old, and in the latter years of their school life they acquire just such knowledge as fits them from their very entrance into industrial life to be useful to themselves and to their country. The children of the

English working class leave school too soon. The delegate of the failors say: "The American school system is very much better than ours. In certain States the boys and girls are able to pass from the kindergarten to the higher schools without costing a dol- if anyone can collect it. lar to their parents. In many States the frequentation of the universi-

ties even is gratuitous. England is a quarter of a century behind the age, and each year augments the difference." The delegate of the book-binders confirms that judgment for he says: "The system of education appears to be very well adapted to the wants of the nation. The ambition of a great number of workmen is to see their sons attain a fine position. This ambition is encouraged and aided by the facilities offered to grandfathers and grandmothers will be the child who has a taste for study." "That ambition is so much the something flerce." easier to understand," says the iron and steel delegate, "when one knows that the wages of the parents are much higher than in England.

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ed with this point of view that I have heard employers express a certain repugnance to employing any child be-

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Land commissioner Pract has discovered that rents have not been paid for a period of six years. He has also discovered why. One department a had not been paid for since 1885 a period of 19 years.

The bandit business is looking up in An American citizen and a British subject have been carried off-Great as these countries are they find it very hard to deal with brigands.

The Russians have floated the Bogatyr, so the opposing naval forces are more equal. But the Russians do not seem to care about taking the initia-

Our Filipino visitors seem to have enjoyed themselves during their stay Certainly the various committees did their work very thoroughly and spared neither expense nor trouble

Sending a torpedo boat to Tangler will not help the fate of the captured American and Englishman very much Brigands care very little for naval de-monstrations. The Moorish government will have to pay an indemnity,

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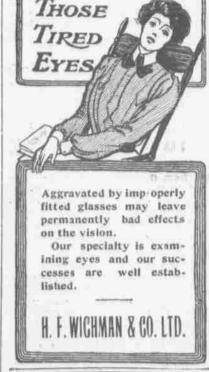
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